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From the LONDON CHRONICLE.

A Sketch of the MODERN GLORY of ENGLAND.

1. OUR glorious pride, and unreſerved communication of it to all the world.

2. Our glorious contempt of other nations, with a ſelf-ſufficient diſregard to what they think of us; for which they heartily diſpiſe and laugh at us.

3. Our glorious Ad——n; by whoſe management we were ſoundly beaten in America, and generouſly gave up the country, and returned home with a becoming humility.

4. The glory of our two H—s of Γ——, in having no other opinion than that of the M——r, or always oppoſing his opinion becauſe it is his.

5. Our glorious debt of above 270 millions, which we never can nor intend to pay.

6. Our glorious hoſt of increaſing taxes; which renders it neceſſary to have a glorious income, if we ſhall be able to live in this country.

7. Our glorious defying all the world to rival us in these two laſt mentioned points.

8. Our glorious ſubmiſſion to an inſolent mob in Ireland; into whoſe hands we ourſelves have wiſely put arms to keep us in awe.

9. Our glorious plundering and killing the poor natives of the E— I—, to get at their wealth; and

10. Our glorious indulgence to theſe robbers and murderers, and our generouſly altering our opinions in favor of them, becauſe it is more for our own intereſt.

11. Our glorious highway robberies, houſebreakings and commiſſion of murders, ſo frequent, numerous and daring, as to be unparalleled in any country in the world; which our M——y has no time or leiſure to reflect ſeriouſly upon, nor to take any effectual meaſure to prevent.

12. Our glorious indifference about the manner of puniſhing very different crimes: for he who robs a man on the road of 6d. and does him no further hurt, muſt be hanged; and he that murders another in the moſt ſhocking manner, is alſo to be hanged; and the difference of the puniſhment is deferred till they are both dead, for which he who is hanged in chains is much obliged to us.

13. Our glorious lawſuits, with the comfortable length and expence of them; whereby he who gains the cauſe has reaſon to rejoice at having enriched the lawyers, and grown poor himſelf.

14. The glorious appearance of our tradeſpeople, and their breaking in conſequence of it.

15. The glorious living of our gentry and nobility far beyond their income, and the faſhionable omiſſion of paying their juſt debts, according to the rules of gentility, while they provide glorioufly for their hounds and w----s, and pay what they have loſt at a gaming table; but above all,

16. Our glorious contempt of our Maker, and glorying in our infidelity and debaucheries, together with our heroic determination not to mind the hand of God, which chaſtiſes us.

And who can enumerate all the like glories of this kingdom? but if the mention of theſe few can be any entertainment to the public, they are welcome to them.

SPECTATOR.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.

We hear from Trenton, that Congreſs, on Monday laſt, adjourned to this city.

NEW-BRUNSWICK, Nov. 30.

Notice is hereby given, by the *True Friends* of America, inhabitants of the townſhip of Woodbridge, county of Middleſex, and ſtate of New-Jerſey, that it is requeſted that the *Refugees*, our *greateſt enemies*, depart ſaid townſhip immediately.

ALBANY, November 18.

On Saturday laſt arrived in this city from the Indian country, where ſhe has been priſoner for upwards of two years, Miſs Rebecca Lee, eldeſt daughter of Major John Lee, late of the weſt branch of Suſquehanna.—This young lady was taken by a party of Indians in Auguſt, 1782, who after having maſſacred her father and mother, with a number of other inhabitants on the Suſquehanna, in a very cruel manner, carried her off into their own country, where ſhe has remained until a few days ago, when an opportunity preſenting, ſhe made her eſcape from them and came in here.

WORCESTER, *December* 16.

Notwithſtanding all the Reſolves, &c. &c. &c. of Congreſs, reſpecting the building a federal city, and the indignity offered them, not long ſince, in the city of Philadelphia, and the United States, in their Repreſentatives; that auguſt body, we are told, are now ſitting and holding the Great Council of this Empire in that place, from whence it is ſuppoſed they will not ſpeedily remove.

BOSTON, *December* 20.

A Quebec paper of Nov. 11th, received by a gentleman from Canada, contains the following paragraph: "*About* 11 *o'clock on Friday laſt, Charles Niſhonit, an Indian lad about fifteen years of age, of the Penobſcot tribe, was executed on the road ſide, a little out of St. John's ſuburbs, for the moſt barbarous and ſavage murder of Mr. Archibald McNeal, and*——— *Dufour, his guide, in July laſt, while they were aſleep ſome diſtance below Kamouraſka, on their way to Halifax.*"

The above ſavage was condemned by the Court, before whom he was tried, to be hanged; but Gen. Haldimand, from ſome motive or other, thought fit to alter the ſentence, and ordered him to be ſhot. This circumſtance the Quebec paper conceals by uſing the word executed.

SALEM, *December* 21.

The great quantity of Money which has been lately wanted in Boſton, in order to be ſent to London by Capt. Callahan, has occaſioned numerous applications to the Bank; in conſequence of which, the Directors have been induced to ſtop diſcounting, for a ſhort time, by way of giving a check to ſo ruinous an exportation.

Capt. Revel, in a brig belonging to this port, bound in from the Weſt-Indies, ran upon Plumb-Iſland, during the ſtorm on Saturday night laſt. No lives were loſt, and it is hoped the veſſel will be got off.

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